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HISTORY

—OF THE—

"Cheyenne Transporter."

This issue completes the sixth volume of the CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER. The paper since it was founded has seen many changes in this portion of the Territory; the constant coming and going of strangers, the many changes of government and school employees, Indian traders and government contractors. We have noted from time to time in our columns the various improvements and progress made by both Indians and whites around this Agency. A glance back at the six complete volumes of the CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER is both interesting and instructive, revealing not a few incidents and facts in the six years' history of the country. The history of the CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER since its commencement is as follows:

In the year 1879 an amateur entertainment was given by the Arapahoe school for the purpose of raising funds to buy a magic lantern for the amusement and instruction of the Indian school children. The sum raised was more than sufficient for the purpose, and by unanimous consent of those interested, it was decided to purchase a printing press and print a school paper. Mr. J. H. Seger, who had the matter in charge, purchased a small Model job press and a few fonts of type, procured the services of a printer and the first issue of the paper was made Dec. 5, 1879, it being a miniature sheet 5 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches with four pages. The editor was Rev. Alfred Brown, superintendent of the Arapahoe school, and the paper stated in its prospectus that it was originated to show to eastern people what was being done by the mission schools in the heart of the Indian Territory. Although the CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER has gone through a number of modifications during its six years of publication, this object has always been a leading feature—the work accomplished at the schools and Agency in the cause of Indian advancement. The paper was soon found to be too small for the object sought, and was enlarged to its present size Aug. 25, 1880, a new office and larger press being purchased by the various Agency and school employees on a joint stock plan and a printer was employed to take charge of the office. The expenses soon became so heavy that the stock holders donated the entire office to the printer, W. A. Eaton, in consideration that he would bind himself to continue the publication of the paper. Mr. Eaton continued the publication of the paper until April 25, 1882, when, wishing to leave the Territory, he sold it to Mr. George W. Maffet, the present proprietor. (Messrs. Maffet and Eaton had before been intimately connected in journalism.) The CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER was then placed in the hands of Lufe Merritt local editor and printer, who has ever since been in charge. While a miniature, the CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER was published at the Arapahoe school building, but when enlarged in 1880 it was moved into the open attic of the Agency saw-mill. Afterward it occupied a small school house building owned in common by the citizens of the Agency, and soon after purchased by the

present proprietor (the citizens wishing to open school in the building) the office was moved into a tent, and to prevent the premature death of the paper, its present quarters were built for its occupancy in Oct., 1883. Besides having a general circulation at the various agencies and military posts of the Territory, the CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER has a very large list of subscribers in the eastern states among people interested in the Indian service and Indian work. The support of the paper outside of its subscription list consists of a large advertising patronage at Caldwell and Arkansas City, Kansas, freighting headquarters for the Territory, besides the advertising patronage of Indian and post traders. Considerable job printing is also turned out by the office. Besides this, the CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER has always been a medium for publishing stock brands—first from parties driving large herds across the reservation on the Texas trails; since then from stock owners of Kansas and the Cherokee Strip who were liable to lose stock on this reservation by drifting south, and lately from the various cattlemen who have procured grass leases on all the Indian Territory reservations. So much for the history and standing of the CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER.

We are led to this subject by being investigated in common with everybody and everything on this reservation by the Interior Department, and having gone over the ground we publish the subject matter, as it may be of interest to many of our readers to learn the origin and history of the paper.

The Agency Indian schools opened on Wednesday with their full corps of employees. The children are coming in slowly on account of the Indians being scattered over the reservation. The school workers are using every effort to obtain a large attendance the coming year, and are desirous of securing all the pupils that the buildings will accommodate. The list of employees at the Arapahoe school is superintendent, E. O. Noble; matron, Mrs. Noble; teachers, Miss H. L. LaMonte and Prof. Thos. W. Potter; industrial teacher, L. Springer; seamstress, Mrs. Jennie Meagher; cook, ———; laundry, H. F. Keller. The employees at the Cheyenne school are superintendent, Dr. A. A. Whiting; matron, Mrs. Whiting; teachers, Misses A. C. Kable and Sallie Hambleton; industrial teacher, Geo. Koon; seamstress, Mrs. H. E. Ingram; cook, W. H. Foster; laundry, Mrs. Foster.

The Mennonite mission school under the superintendency of Rev. H. R. Voth, has also opened after the usual two months' vacation. Also the Mennonite school at Cantonment in charge of Rev. S. S. Haury.

As mentioned in our last issue, the cattlemen on this reservation are making every possible effort to vacate their ranges as per President's proclamation. The beef cattle ready for shipment have already been started to market, and some of the leases holding exclusively that class of cattle are now abandoned. With the stock cattle, however, more time will be needed, although many herds are now in motion.

The Agent, Capt. Lee, has issued a supplementary proclamation rescinding all passes heretofore in force, and announces that to-day (Friday) is the last day of grace for unauthorized persons to remain upon this reservation. Action will commence to-morrow (Saturday) to expel all persons not complying with the proclamation. Capt. Lee is very firm and will enforce the order to the letter.

This issue closes the sixth volume of this paper, and with our next will begin volume seven, number one. Subscribers in arrears are gently reminded that now is an appropriate time to pay up.

A number of important local items are crowded out this issue, but will appear in our next.

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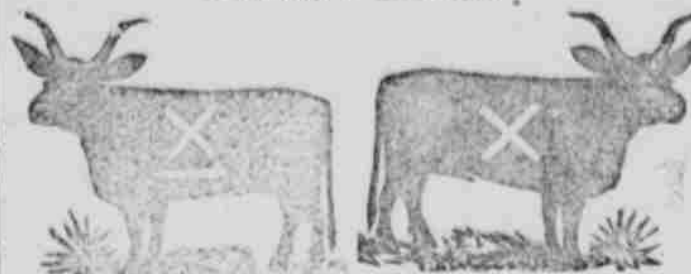
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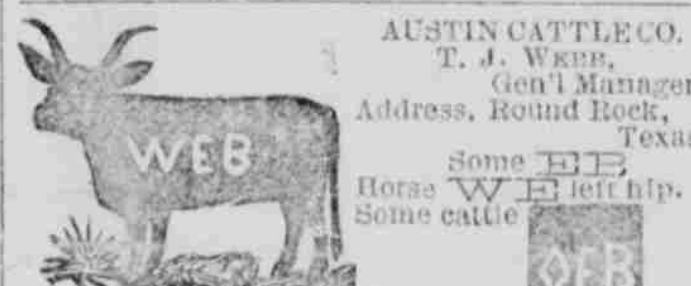
Caldwell, Kansas

FRASER & O'BURN.



A. M. Walker, Manager, Darlington, I. T.

AUSTIN CATTLE CO.



Ranch on Washita river, Cheyenne & Arapahoe leased lands, Indian Territory.

DICKEY CATTLE CO.



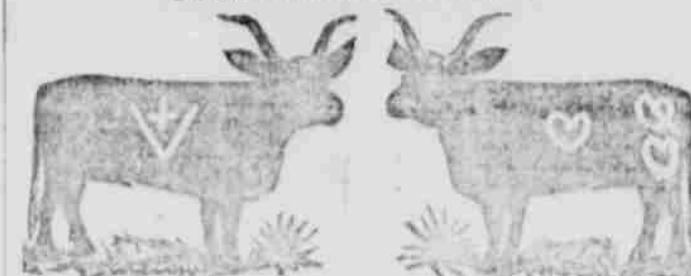
Some cattle branded on either side or hip, and some on both sides. LLL on right side and LLL on left side.

T. F. WORTHINGTON in charge.

WYETH CATTLE CO.

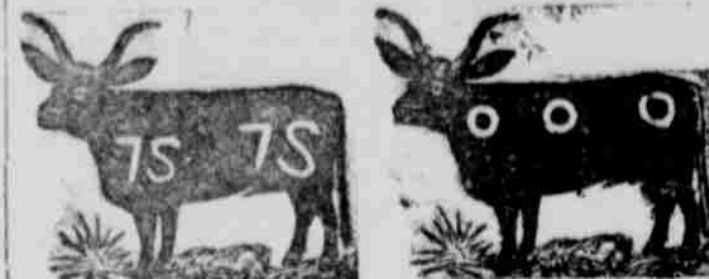
Jno. W. Parks, Manager. Postoffice, Hunnewell, Kas.

FRANK STEVENS, Foreman.



Horns brand like cut on left shoulder or hip. None of above brands sold except as beaver—cut the brand.

JAMES H. BOND,

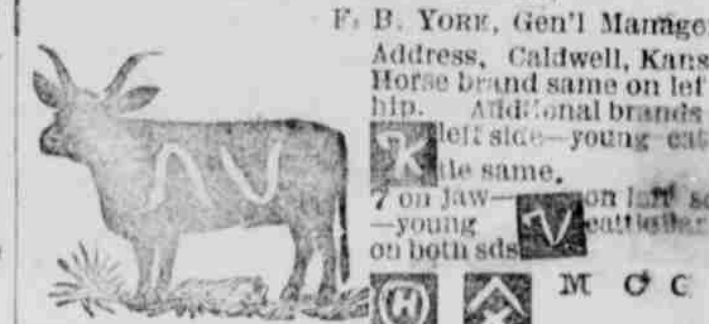


Silver City, Indian Territory.



under bit in each ear. Also some cattle in the snake brand on same range. Some cattle with V on left loin.

WASHITA CATTLE CO.,



The last four brands on any part of animal. Ranches Washita river, north of Boggy creek on Cheyenne and Arapahoe leased lands, Indian Territory and Wolf Creek, Leascomb Co., Panhandle Texas.

CHAS. RIDER,



Anadarko, Ind. Ter. MARK—Crop and Tails. Splits in Right Ear.

BLACK COYOTE,



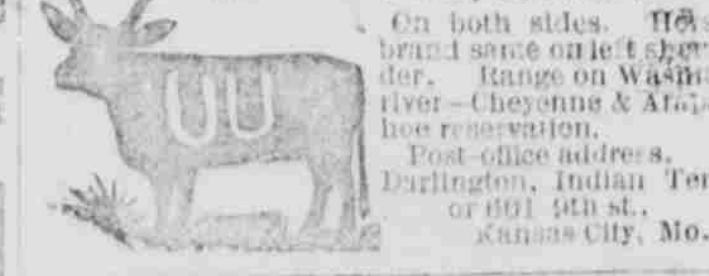
Arapahoe Agency, Darlington, I. T. Some cattle same on right shoulder. The brand is a cow's.

EWING & POTTER,



Postoffice, Caldwell, Kas. U—on either or both sides. Horse brand same left hip. Range in forks of Cimarron river and Cottonwood creek Indian Territory. W. P. Ewing in charge OTHER BRANDS:

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JOHN VOLZ,



Ranch 25 miles south west of Cantonment on Canadian riv. Ind. Ter. cattle brands F V, G, A B, J A and W W. All brands on left side, ear mark crop off left ear and split in right. Horse brand JV on left shoulder.